

DHL plans to create 600 jobs at new Coventry depot

Around 600 jobs are set to be created in the West Midlands after postal delivery giant DHL announced a huge investment in the region.

The company said it planned to open a new 269,000 sq ft facility on Segro Park near Coventry Airport which would have the capacity to handle more than 500,000 items per day.

It is expected to create a broad range of roles including warehouse, driver, administration and management positions.

The new plant represents around half of an overall investment worth £480 million into its UK operations which will see ten new collection and delivery depots opened and the expansion of 20 more existing sites, creating a total of 4,000 jobs.

The locations of the new sites have not yet been revealed by the company.

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DHL said there would be a focus on sustainable growth through alternative fuel vehicles and buildings meeting the highest environmental standards.

This includes an initial £64 million invested into upgrading the company's fleet including electric 18-tonnes trucks, liquefied natural gas trucks and 18 electric tugs.

The investment comes following a 40 per cent volume uplift since the start of 2020 and growing demand for the company's e-commerce and B2B services.

Peter Fuller, chief executive of DHL Parcel UK, said: "This investment is a real demonstration of the excellent work our people and partners have delivered over the past two years to get us to the level of growth where major expansion is required to meet customer demand.

"E-commerce is going to continue to shape the world around us. This investment, along with the strength of the DHL brand and our leading approach to digitalisation and sustainability, will put us in a strong position to take advantage of market growth."

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